Appendix F

Pedestrian Policy Guidelines

These guidelines provide a procedure for implementing the Pedestrian Policy adopted by the Board of Transportation in August 1993. The pedestrian Policy addresses TIP projects and makes an important distinction between "considering the needs of pedestrians to avoid creating hazards to pedestrian movements" and the concept of "facilitating pedestrian movements for other reasons."

Hazards

A hazard in this context is defined as a situation when pedestrian movements are physically blocked in a manner which forces pedestrians to use another mode of transportation or walk in an automobile traffic lane (parallel with the automobile traffic) to pass a barrier. The concept of "not creating a hazard" is intended to allow municipalities to have the flexibility to add pedestrian facilities as part of the project, or in the future after the TIP project is complete. Our current standard cross sections generally do not create barriers for pedestrian movements. One exception is on urban bridges where the bridge rail is at the back of the curb.

Quantifying the need for Pedestrian Facilities

Planning studies should evaluate the need for pedestrian facilities based on the degree to which the following criteria are met.

1. Local Pedestrian Policy
2. Local Government Commitment
3. Continuity and Integration
4. Locations
5. Generators
6. Safety
7. Existing or Projected Pedestrian Traffic

Requirements for DOT Funding

Replacing Existing Sidewalks

The DOT will pay 100% of the cost to replace an existing sidewalk that is removed to make room for a widening project.

Preventing Hazards

If there is evidence that a TIP project would create a hazard to existing pedestrian movements, the DOT will take the initiative not to create the hazard. However, if there is not evidence that a TIP project would create a hazard to existing pedestrian movements, the municipality will need to prove that there will be pedestrian movements, which would be affected within five years by the hazard created by the TIP project.